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Annotations

1. Opening of the Conference

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be convened at the Convention Centre of the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel on Saturday, 29 November 2008.

2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (see A/CONF.212/2) provides that the Conference shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. In accordance with standard practice, the presidency of the Conference shall be held by the host country. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

By its decision 63/510 of 18 November 2008,[1] the General Assembly recommended the provisional rules of procedure for adoption by the Conference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.212/2)

4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

By its decision 63/511 of 18 November 2008,[2] the General Assembly recommended the provisional agenda set out in the present document for adoption by the Conference.

5. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference shall elect, in addition to the President, 23 Vice-Presidents, an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and a Chairman of the Main Committee, if established in accordance with rule 46. Rule 11 provides that these officials constitute the General Committee. In accordance with rule 6, they shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the Committee. The 23 Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur-General shall be distributed according to the following geographical pattern: five representatives from African States, four from Asian States, five from Eastern European States, five from Latin American and Caribbean States and five from Western European and other States. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

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[1] See A/63/413, para. 29.

[2] Ibid.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee

In its resolution 62/187 of 19 December 2007, the General Assembly decided that the Conference would be held at the highest possible political level, including with the participation of Heads of State or Government, ministers, special representatives and other representatives, as appropriate. By its decision 63/509 of 18 November 2008,[3] the General Assembly decided that the arrangements and organization of work of the Conference would be as set out in the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345), in which it was proposed that the Conference organize its work around eight plenary meetings and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables based on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus.[4]

Under rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference may establish such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. In accordance with rule 49, the members of the committees and working groups of the Conference referred to in rule 48, paragraph 1, are to be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

Rule 46 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference may establish a Main Committee as required, which may set up subcommittees or working groups. The provisional rules of procedure also provide for the appointment of a General Committee (rules 11 to 13).

A note by the Secretariat on the organization of work will be before the Conference for its consideration. It will include a proposed timetable for the work of the Conference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters (A/CONF.212/4)

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-third session, which consists of the following Member States: Botswana, China, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mozambique, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, United States of America.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

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[3] Ibid.

[4] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

8. General debate on financing for development

(a) General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues

A general exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues, will be held during the eight plenary meetings, which will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. At these meetings, Heads of State or Government, ministers and heads of delegation attending the Conference will be able to make formal statements.

(b) Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference

The draft outcome document of the Conference will be finalized by the Main Committee, if established in accordance with rule 46 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Documentation

Note by the President of the General Assembly transmitting the draft outcome document of the Conference (A/CONF.212/3)

9. Multi-stakeholder round tables under the overall theme "Looking ahead: further cooperative actions in financing for development", focusing on the following six major thematic areas

(a) Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development (round table 1)

Round table 1 will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(b) Mobilizing international resources for development: foreign direct investment and other private flows (round table 2)

Round table 2 will be held on Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(c) International trade as an engine for development (round table 3)

Round table 3 will be held on Sunday, 30 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(d) Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development (round table 4)

Round table 4 will be held on Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(e) External debt (round table 5)

Round table 5 will be held on Monday, 1 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(f) Addressing systemic issues: enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development (round table 6)

Round table 6 will be held on Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

10. Adoption of the outcome document of the Conference

The draft outcome document of the Conference is expected to be adopted at the closing plenary meeting in the afternoon of Tuesday, 2 December.

11. Adoption of the report of the Conference

The Conference will adopt a report on its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General and presented to the Conference for its approval at the closing plenary meeting in the afternoon of Tuesday, 2 December.